

COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

June 4, 1996

6:15 PM

Ald. Sysyn, Reiniger, Soucy,
Domaingue, Robert

Executive Conference Room

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Ald. Sysyn, Domaingue, Robert
Ald. Soucy and Reiniger arrived late.

Mssrs: Thomas Lolicata, Lt. Tessier-Police Traffic Division,
Asst. Chief Police Driscoll, Steven Tierney-Highway,
Bill Kearney

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Don Clark, Technology Center, requesting additional Police patrols around the Gateway Building and Technology Center in the Millyard area as a result of continuous vandalism.

Lt. Tessier advised that Chief Fielding indicated that patrols had been increased in the area and they would continue to monitor it.

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to receive and file the communication.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from George Copadis, St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, requesting the closure of Kenney Street at Hanover Street and Hilton Street at Amherst Street from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM on September 13, 14, 15, 1996 in conjunction with the annual Glendi celebration.

On motion of Ald. Sysyn, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to approve the closure as requested.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Mary McKillop, Optima Health Visiting Nurse Services, requesting that the alley (Chandler Street) behind their location at 1850 Elm Street be changed to a one-way running from north to south.

Mr. Lolicata utilized a map to display the area noting that so-called Elm West Back Street was public way running parallel. Mr. Lolicata noted that a change to one way would affect areas below the petitioner and suggested that those people be contacted prior to any decision of the committee.

On motion of Ald. Robert, duly seconded by Ald. Domainque, it was voted to table this item pending further discussion with potentially affected users.

6. Discussion relative to the Downtown Pedestrian Safety Program.

(Note: reports from Solicitor's and Risk Management, if available.)

A brief discussion ensued relative to this item. Lt. Tessier advised that the Solicitor and Risk Manager had reviewed the proposed program of the cones and painting and had not issues with it, they did not see any increased liability to the city.

Mr. Lolicata advised that he would do whatever the Committee desired, however, painting the crosswalks would require overtime for which he would need a budget, or something else would not get done as they were talking a lot of time.

Ald. Reiniger suggested that wide white paint lines be done similar to that in Portsmouth. After some discussion on motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Domainque, it was voted to approve the program of placing the cones and painting the crosswalks on Elm from Bridge Street to Merrimack Street, and have the Traffic Director paint the white lines during the day with the assistance of Police Officers for traffic issues.

Chairman Sysyn advised the Traffic Department had submitted an agenda which needed to be addressed:

PARKING 1 HOUR

ON WILLIOW STREET, WEST SIDE, FROM GROVE STREET TO A POINT 125 FEET NORTHERLY
ALD. REINIGER

NO TRUCKS ALLOWED

ON MARYLAND AVENUE, FROM BRIDGE STREET TO HANOVER STREET
ALD. SYSYN

STOP SIGNS

ON LAKEVIEW LANE AT WELLINGTON ROAD, NWC
POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDFORD STREET AT GORDAN STREET, NEC

On motion of Ald. Domainque, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted to approve the above referenced regulations.

DISCUSSION

CLOSURE OF PEPPERIDGE DRIVE, FROM CONNECTING ROAD TO WESTWOOD DRIVE

Ald. Domainque made a presentation utilizing a map of the area describing traffic counts showing 1400 and 1700 vehicles daily through different areas of the neighborhood. Ald. Domainque reflected upon the perimeters of the neighborhood which has led to the traffic problem and noted that South Willow Street and Brown Avenue were the arterial roadways that these vehicles should be traveling upon with connections through Goffs Falls Road and the highway.

Ald. Domainque described how they had left information with all of the homes and the informational meetings held presenting various options for the neighborhood residents to consider. Ald. Domainque did want to go back to the residents with information informing them that the closure would take place to see if additional comments would be received from the residents, the present majority appearing to want the closure of the roadway despite the inconvenience.

Ald. Domainque noted that she was requesting a temporary closure at this time through the end of August to allow time for the residents of the area to evaluate how it works.

On motion of Ald. Domainque, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted to approve closure of Pepperidge Drive from Connecting Road to Westwood Drive from July 15, 1996 through August 31, 1996.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sysyn advised that the committee had received a communication regarding the 150th Birthday Committee requesting to close Bridge Street on June 8 for the celebration.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to approve the request.

TABLED ITEMS

8. Communication from Chief Favreau, requesting consideration

that ten hour meters along the south side of Manchester Street, between Pine Street and the driveway to the Police Station be installed.
(Tabled 5/21/96)

This item remained on the table.

11. Communication from Ald. Reiniger submitting proposed revisions to existing City Ordinances.
(Tabled 2/26/96)

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Ald. Domainque, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to remove item 12 from the table for discussion.

12. Communication from the Amherst Street Business Owners, submitting a proposed parking arrangement on Amherst and Vine Streets.
(Tabled 2/26/96)

A letter from Steven Tierney of the Highway Department was distributed to members of the committee. Ald. Reiniger advised that he had spoke with Highway and it appeared that the committee could request that the islands be removed and then metered parking could be placed in the area to address the parking problems. Lt. Tessier and Tom Lolicata indicated that this would be an appropriate solution for parking in the area. Ald. Reiniger briefly addressed the situation with the Committee and requested support in asking Highway to remove the islands.

On motion of Ald. Robert, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to request the Highway Department to remove the concrete islands and place metered parking in the area.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Domainque, it was voted to remove item 9 from the table for discussion.

9. Ordinance submitted by Chief Kane, Fire Department
(Tabled 3/25/96):

"An Ordinance establishing an Office of Emergency Management for the City of Manchester."

A handout was distributed to the Committee replacing the previous ordinance submitted. Chief Kane addressed the committee advising that after meeting with the solicitor, etc. the handout is what was recommended. The Committee briefly reviewed the draft distributed.

On motion of Ald. Domainque, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted to recommend that the new ordinance presented to the Committee be referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading and be given favorable consideration.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Domainque, it was voted to remove item 10 from the agenda for discussion.

10. Communication from Richard Girard, Mayoral Assistant, forwarding materials from Mrs. Cecile Gravel of Corey Square Hair Design, requesting a permanent solution to the parking situation on Maple/Concord Streets.
(Tabled 3/25/96)

Lt. Tessier advised that he had met with Mrs. Gravel after the last meeting and informed her of the functions of loading zones; that while she did not appear fully satisfied, she did seem to understand the concept of how they worked. Mr. Lolicata advised that he felt they had done all they could to address the situation of this area, and the current status was the best he could suggest. Lt. Tessier concurred with Mr. Lolicata on this issue.

On motion of Ald. Domainque, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted to receive and file the communication.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.


Clerk of Committee


